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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/180,798
Filing Date	November 16, 1998
First Named Inventor	De Vries
Art Unit	1638
Examiner Name	Mehta
Attorney Docket Number	S-137-1103S

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on APR 22 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on OFFICE OF PETITIONS
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition to Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 04/18/2002 TBESHAH1 00000019 09180798
- iii. ☐ Other 01 FC:179 740.00 OP
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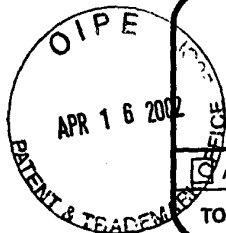
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002		Complete if Known	
Patent fees are subject to annual revision.		Application Number	09/180,798
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Filing Date	November 18, 1998
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)		First Named Inventor	De Vries
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		Group Art Unit	1638
		Attorney Docket No.	S-137-1103S

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		140 110 240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
		141 1,280 241 640 Petition to revive - unintentional	
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		144 620 244 310 Plant issue fee	
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